



Community Scholars Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- The Community Scholars program is open to undergraduate Juniors, Seniors and Graduate students.
- While this program is for current students, the Network is a host for the AmeriCorps VISTA program which may be an option for you. Please contact our office for additional information on this program.
- The 2020 program runs for 10 weeks during the summer, and begins with a mandatory one day orientation the week of May 18th. (Exact day TBA.)
- Community Scholars is a full time internship. **You must provide a minimum of 35 hours each week for all 10 weeks, for a total of at least 350 hours to complete our program and receive stipend.** Most placements operate on a Monday-Friday schedule; however, you may be asked to participate in an evening or weekend activity. These hours will be counted towards weekly hours and your program goal, and are determined by your Host organization. No overtime or leave time is provided.
- Community Scholars are provided a stipend of \$3,000 for the 10-week internship program. Stipends are issued at program's mid-point and end date. Scholars must meet the internship hour requirements and requested report submissions to be eligible for issuance.
- The 2020 Community Scholars Program will host four activities that **ALL Scholars must be in attendance.** They are: Orientation (Trenton, NJ), the Network's Legislative Day (Trenton, NJ), and Scholars Day of Service (Greater Trenton area). **Dates TBA.**
- The Community Scholars Program is a statewide program. Placement opportunities are based on the agencies that chose to participate and their requested area of scholar discipline. Our program makes every effort to place a Scholar as close to their requested discipline and area of residency as possible. Please note because of the diversity of work our host organizations provide to the community you may from time to time be asked to assist in areas that are not your requested discipline.

Example:

If the Scholar is interested in Construction Management, we would assign them to one of our participating member host agencies that is actively involved in a building project; however, the host organization may present a community day and assign you to help with promotions, set-up, etc. for that event.

- Upon completion of the Community Scholars Program the Network will host a luncheon to acknowledge the accomplishments of our Scholars and host organization's participation. Each Scholar and host organization are expected to attend.

For additional information please contact Jessyca Hart, Office & Special Projects Coordinator at ext. 1000/ jhart@hcdnnj.org.